

WHEREAS; muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that affects every person the same way, but instead is an umbrella term that refers to a variety of different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases that range in symptoms and severity; and

WHEREAS; while rare, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from moderate muscle weakness to total paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing, swallowing, and walking; and

WHEREAS; muscular dystrophies can occur in anyone, regardless of race, age, ethnicity, or sex, and there are many Wisconsinites across the state affected by some form of the disease; and

WHEREAS; symptoms of muscular dystrophy often appear in early childhood and can include movement and mobility difficulty, frequent falls, delayed growth, and learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all affected individuals, families, and dedicated advocates and organizations in spreading awareness of muscular dystrophies and embracing hope that advancements in science and medicine will soon lead to a deeper understanding of the diseases, new treatments to enhance quality of life, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 2023 as

## **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**

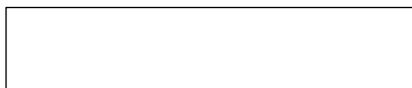
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State